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**In the Name of Allâh
the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful**

Introduction

All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of all that exists. May prayers of blessings and peace be upon the noblest of Prophets and Messengers (Prophet Muhammad ﷺ). To proceed:

This is a message to every Muslim who worships Allaah and does not associate anything as a partner with Him. For verily, the greatest goal of this life for every Muslim is to leave this world having all of his sins forgiven by Allaah so that Allaah will not ask him about them on the Day of Judgement. Allaah will enter him into Gardens of eternal delight where he will remain forever never leaving them. In this short treatise we will mention some of the deeds from the authentic *hadeeths* of the Messenger of Allaah ﷺ that expiate sins and contain great reward. We ask Allaah, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of all that exists, Whom there is none worthy of worship except Him, to accept our deeds from us. Indeed He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

1. Repentance

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«مَنْ تَابَ قَبْلَ أَنْ تَطْلُعَ الشَّمْسُ مِنْ مَغْرِبِهَا تَابَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ»
[رواه مسلم ح: ٢٧٠٣]

“Whoever repents before the sun rises from its setting place (i.e. in the West) Allaah will accept his repentance.” (*Muslim*, no. 2703)

Also the Prophet ﷺ said:

«إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يَقْبَلُ تَوْبَةَ الْعَبْدِ مَا لَمْ يُغْرِغْ»

[رواه الترمذي ح: ٣٥٣٧، وابن ماجه ح: ٤٢٥٣،

وأحمد: ١٣٢/٢، ١٥٣]

"Verily, Allaah accepts repentance from the servant as long as he has not began gargling (in the throes of death as his soul comes out of his throat)."¹

2. Going out to seek knowledge

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«مَنْ سَلَكَ طَرِيقًا يَلْتَمِسُ فِيهِ عِلْمًا، سَهَّلَ اللَّهُ لَهُ بِهِ طَرِيقًا إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ»

[رواه مسلم ح: ٢٦٩٩]

"Whoever takes a path to acquire knowledge Allaah will ease for him a path to Paradise because of it." (Muslim, no. 2699)

3. Remembrance of Allaah, the Most High

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«أَلَا أَنْبِئُكُمْ بِخَيْرِ أَعْمَالِكُمْ، وَأَزْكَاهَا عِنْدَ مَلِكِكُمْ،

¹ This hadeeth was recorded in *At-Tirmitheeh*, *Ibn Maajah*, *Ahmad*, *Al-Haakim* and *Ibn Hibbaan*, who graded it authentic (*Saheeh*). It was graded good (*Hasan*) by Shaikh Al-Albaanee in *Saheeh At-Tirmitheeh*, Vol. 3, no. 2802. A.W.

وَأَرْفَعَهَا فِي دَرَجَاتِكُمْ، وَخَيْرٌ لَكُمْ مِنْ إِنْفَاقِ الذَّهَبِ وَالْفِضَّةِ، وَخَيْرٌ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَنْ تَلْقَوْا عَدُوَّكُمْ فَتَضْرِبُوا أَعْنَاقَهُمْ وَيَضْرِبُوا أَعْنَاقَكُمْ - قالوا: بلى. قال - ذِكْرُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى

[رواه الترمذي ح: ٣٣٤٧]

"Shall I not inform you of the best of your deeds, the purest of them with your Master (Allaah), and the loftiest of them in your degrees? It is better for you than spending gold and silver (in charity), and better for you than meeting your enemy and striking their necks and them striking your necks (in Jihaad)." They said, "Of course!" The Prophet ﷺ said, "The remembrance of Allaah, the Most High." (*At-Tirmitheeh*, no. 3347)²

4. Producing goodness and guiding others to it

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«كُلُّ مَعْرُوفٍ صَدَقَةٌ»

[رواه البخاري ح: ٦٠٢١، ومسلم

ح: ١٠٠٥]

"Every good deed is a charity." (Al-Bukhaaree, 10/374 and Muslim, no.1005)

The Prophet ﷺ said:

² This hadeeth was graded authentic (*Saheeh*) by Shaikh Al-Albaanee in *Saheeh At-Tirmitheeh*, Vol. 3, no. 2688. A.W.

«إِنَّ الدَّالَّ عَلَى الْخَيْرِ كَفَاعِلِهِ» [رواه مسلم ح: ١٨٩٣]

وأبو داود ح: ٥١١٩، والترمذي ح: ٢٦٧٠ واللفظ له

“Whoever guides to goodness is just like the one who does it.” (Muslim no.1893, Aboo Daawood, no.5119, and At-Tirmithe, no.2670, and this is his wording.)

5. The virtue of inviting others to Allaah

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«مَنْ دَعَا إِلَى هُدًى كَانَ لَهُ مِنَ الْأَجْرِ مِثْلُ أُجُورِ مَنْ تَبِعَهُ، لَا يَنْقُصُ ذَلِكَ مِنْ أُجُورِهِمْ شَيْئًا»

[رواه مسلم ح: ٢٦٧٤]

“Whoever calls to guidance will receive the reward similar to the rewards of whoever follows him, and that will not decrease anything from their rewards.” (Muslim, no. 2674)

6. Commanding the good and forbidding the evil

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«مَنْ رَأَى مِنْكُمْ مُنْكَرًا فَلْيُغَيِّرْهُ بِيَدِهِ، فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِلِسَانِهِ، فَإِنْ لَمْ يَسْتَطِعْ فَبِقَلْبِهِ، وَذَلِكَ أَضْعَفُ الْإِيمَانِ»

[رواه مسلم ح: ٤٩]

“Whoever among you sees an evil, let him change it with his hand, and if he is not able, then with his tongue, and if he is not able, then with his heart and that is the weakest of faith.” (Muslim, no. 49)

7. Reading the Noble Qur’aan and reciting it

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«اقْرَأُوا الْقُرْآنَ فَإِنَّهُ يَأْتِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ شَفِيعًا لِأَصْحَابِهِ»

[رواه مسلم ح: ٨٠٤]

“Read the Qur’aan, for verily it will come on the Day of Judgement as an intercessor for whoever used to recite it.” (Muslim, no. 804)

8. Learning the Noble Qur’aan and teaching it

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ»

[رواه البخاري ح: ٥٠٢٧]

“The best of you are those who learn the Qur’aan and teach it.” (Al-Bukhaaree, 9/66)

9. Giving the Islaamic greetings of peace

The Prophet ﷺ said:

«لَا تَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ حَتَّى تُؤْمِنُوا، وَلَا تُؤْمِنُوا حَتَّى تَحَابُّوا، أَوَّلَا أَدْلُكُمْ عَلَى شَيْءٍ إِذَا فَعَلْتُمُوهُ»